

RE: House Bill 5287, AAC Licensure of Facilities That Provide Temporary Care To Children With Minor Illnesses

I am writing this letter in support the proposal for a sick urgent care center. My children have been patients of Dr. Lopreiato's, who asked for this proposed bill, since we moved to Berlin 5 years ago. In that time, Dr. Lopreiato has continually gone above and beyond what you would expect of today's typical pediatrician.

I believe in his idea of a sick/urgent care center. It would be beneficial to many parents and children. I am fortunate to currently be a stay at home mom, however, the day will come when I return to the work force. When this happens, the transition would be that much easier for me if I had a place where I know my children could go to receive appropriate medical and personal attention should they become ill. Many other moms and dads that I know undergo much stress and anxiety when they must leave their jobs to tend to their sick child. Not only do parents have to worry about their work load, but they are now also concerned about the well-being of their ill child.

The type of center that Dr. Lopreiato proposes addresses both of these concerns by eliminating the need for a parent to leave his or her job, as well as having to determine the proper course of action to help their ailing child.

I cannot speak highly enough of Dr. Lopreiato's proposal, and hope you will consider this letter when addressing his proposal.

Sincerely,
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